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MINISTRY OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 5th November 1957

S.R.O. 3579.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. (1) **Short Title, Application and Commencement.**—This Order may be called the Amritsar and Gurdaspur Districts Rice (Export Control) Order, 1957.

(2) It applies to the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur in the State of Punjab.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “export” means to take or cause to be taken from any place within the district of Amritsar or Gurdaspur in the State of Punjab to any place outside the said district,

(b) “rice” includes paddy and products of rice and paddy other than rice bran;

(c) “State Government” means the Government of the State of Punjab.

3. **Restrictions on the export of rice from Amritsar or Gurdaspur District.**—No person shall export or attempt to export or abet the export of rice except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government or by the officer appointed by the State Government in this behalf:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall apply to the export of rice—

(i) not exceeding five seers in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage; or

(ii) on Government account; or

(iii) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

4. **Effect of the Order.**—The provisions of this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of the Punjab Rice (Movement Control) Order, 1957.

5. **Powers of entry, search, seizure, etc.**—Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector and any other person authorised in this behalf by the State Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

(1) stop and search, or authorise any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or capable of being used for the export of rice;

(2) enter and search and authorise any person to enter and search any place;

- (3) **seize** or authorise the seizure of any article in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened, along with the packages, coverings or receptacles in which such article is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such article and thereafter take or authorise the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production:

Provided that, in the exercise of the powers of entry and search, the authorised officers shall pay due regard to the social and religious customs of the occupants of the premises so entered and searched.

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